Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

February 2016

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering February 14th to 20th, 2016, there were 555,000 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is a decrease of 8,400 from January 2016 and 3,000 less than the number employed in February 2015.

Agricultural employment was 41,000 persons in February 2016, up 2,400 from the January 2016 level and 2,200 more than the February 2015 agricultural employment level of 38,800. Non-agricultural employment was 514,000 persons in February 2016. This is a decrease of 10,800 from the January 2016 non-agriculture employment level of 524,800 and 5,200 less than February 2015.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for February 2016 was 6.7 percent. This is an increase of 0.6 percentage points from the January 2016 rate of 6.1 percent and 1.2 percentage points higher than the February 2015 level of 5.5 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 5,200 to 594,700 persons in February 2016 from 599,900 persons in January 2016. This is 4,000 more than the February 2015 labour force of 590,700 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.6 percentage points to 68.7 percent in February 2016 from 69.3 percent in January 2016. The February 2015 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 68.8 percent.

There were 39,700 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during February 2016. This is an increase of 3,100 from January 2016 and 7,000 more than the number unemployed in February 2015.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 565,500 persons employed in Saskatchewan in February 2016, down 7,800 from the January 2016 level of 573,300 and down 1,100 from the February 2015 employment level of 566,600 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for February 2016 was 5.9 percent. This is an increase of 0.3 percentage points from the January 2016 rate of 5.6 percent and 0.8 percentage points higher than the February 2015 rate of 5.1 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 35,200 persons in February 2016 to 17,697,100 persons from 17,661,900 persons in January 2016. In February 2015, there were 17,582,000 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.2 percentage points in February 2016 to 7.7 percent from the January 2016 level of 7.5 percent. In February 2015, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.2 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.3 percent in February 2016. This is 0.1 percentage points higher than January 2016 and 0.4 percentage points higher than the February 2015 level of 6.9 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	February 2016	January 2016	February 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	19,177.3	19,102.7	18,945.5	74.6	231.8
Employed ('000)	17,697.1	17,661.9	17,582.0	35.2	115.1
Full-Time ('000)	14,106.0	14,167.5	14,045.2	-61.5	60.8
Part-Time ('000)	3,591.1	3,494.4	3,536.8	96.7	54.3
Unemployed ('000)	1,480.2	1,440.8	1,363.5	39.4	116.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.7	7.5	7.2	0.2	0.5
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	7.3	7.2	6.9	0.1	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	65.1	64.9	65.0	0.2	0.1
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	594.7	599.9	590.7	-5.2	4.0
Employed ('000)	555.0	563.4	558.0	-8.4	-3.0
Full-Time ('000)	452.8	455.8	457.1	-3.0	-4.3
Part-Time ('000)	102.2	107.6	100.8	-5.4	1.4
Unemployed ('000)	39.7	36.6	32.7	3.1	7.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.7	6.1	5.5	0.6	1.2
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.9	5.6	5.1	0.3	0.8
Participation Rate (%)	68.7	69.3	68.8	-0.6	-0.1
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Labour Force ('000)	2,461.7	2,435.4	2,416.1	26.3	45.6
Employed ('000)	2,253.6	2,248.0	2,276.4	5.6	-22.8
Full-Time ('000)	1,834.9	1,825.4	1,894.0	9.5	-59.1
Part-Time ('000)	418.7	422.6	382.4	-3.9	36.3
Unemployed ('000)	208.2	187.5	139.8	20.7	68.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.5	7.7	5.8	0.8	2.7
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	7.9	7.4	5.4	0.5	2.5
Participation Rate (%)	72.7	72.0	72.6	0.7	0.1
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Labour Force ('000)	663.6	660.5	664.9	3.1	-1.3
Employed ('000)	622.7	619.3	628.0	3.4	-5.3
Full-Time ('000)	496.3	495.1	507.6	1.2	-11.3
Part-Time ('000)	126.4	124.2	120.4	2.2	6.0
Unemployed ('000)	40.9	41.1	36.9	-0.2	4.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.2	6.2	5.5	0.0	0.7
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.0	6.1	5.5	-0.1	0.5
Participation Rate (%)	66.8	66.5	67.6	0.3	-0.8

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	February 2016	January 2016	February 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	594.7	599.9	590.7	-5.2	4.0
Male	323.5	325.4	321.6	-1.9	1.9
Female	271.2	274.5	269.0	-3.3	2.2
15-24 Years of Age	86.2	86.5	90.1	-0.3	-3.9
25+ Years of age	508.5	513.5	500.5	-5.0	8.0
EMPLOYED ('000)	555.0	563.4	558.0	-8.4	-3.0
Male	297.9	303.1	300.2	-5.2	-2.3
Female	257.1	260.2	257.7	-3.1	-0.6
15-24 Years of Age	74.5	77.4	80.1	-2.9	-5.6
25+ Years of age	480.5	486.0	477.8	-5.5	2.7
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	39.7	36.6	32.7	3.1	7.0
Male	25.6	22.3	21.4	3.3	4.2
Female	14.1	14.3	11.3	-0.2	2.8
15-24 Years of Age	11.7	9.1	8.4	2.6	3.3
25+ Years of age	28.0	27.5	15.3	0.5	12.7
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	6.7	6.1	5.5	0.6	1.2
Male	7.9	6.9	6.7	1.0	1.2
Female	5.2	5.2	4.2	0.0	1.0
15-24 Years of Age	13.6	10.5	11.1	3.1	2.5
25+ Years of age	5.5	5.4	4.5	0.1	1.0
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	68.7	69.3	68.8	-0.6	-0.1
Male	74.1	74.6	74.4	-0.5	-0.3
Female	63.2	64.0	63.1	-0.8	0.1
15-24 Years of Age	63.7	63.9	65.5	-0.2	-1.8
25+ Years of age	69.6	70.4	69.4	-0.8	0.2

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	February 2016	January 2016	February 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	41.0	38.6	38.8	2.4	2.2
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	25.7	26.2	26.1	-0.5	-0.4
Utilities	6.5	6.5	6.1	0.0	0.4
Construction	48.1	50.4	53.8	-2.3	-5.7
Manufacturing	25.2	26.0	24.8	-0.8	0.4
Trade	84.5	85.5	84.0	-1.0	0.5
Transportation and Warehousing	27.0	27.7	28.1	-0.7	-1.1
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	29.6	30.7	31.1	-1.1	-1.5
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	26.3	25.9	24.4	0.4	1.9
Business, Building and Other Support Services	11.8	13.2	13.7	-1.4	-1.9
Educational Services	40.2	42.6	45.2	-2.4	-5.0
Health Care and Social Assistance	78.6	78.8	73.8	-0.2	4.8
Information, Culture and Recreation	20.0	20.6	16.6	-0.6	3.4
Accommodation and Food Services	36.6	38.0	36.9	-1.4	-0.3
Other Services	27.0	25.0	24.5	2.0	2.5
Public Administration	26.9	27.7	30.0	-0.8	-3.1
Total	555.0	563.4	558	-8.4	-3.0
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	452.8	455.8	457.1	-3.0	-4.3
Part-Time	102.2	107.6	100.8	-5.4	1.4
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	444.9	455.9	454.5	-11.0	-9.6
Public Sector	134.7	137.4	138.6	-2.7	-3.9
Private Sector	310.2	318.4	315.9	-8.2	-5.7
Self-Employed	110.1	107.5	103.5	2.6	6.6

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	February 2016	January 2016	February 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,697.1	17,661.9	17,582.0	35.2	115.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	220.1	217.9	224.1	2.2	-4.0
Prince Edward Island	67.6	67.8	69.8	-0.2	-2.2
Nova Scotia	430.2	428.5	433.9	1.7	-3.7
New Brunswick	332.4	336.6	339.1	-4.2	-6.7
Quebec	4,022.4	4,010.1	4,003.6	12.3	18.8
Ontario	6,874.9	6,868.0	6,802.0	6.9	72.9
Manitoba	622.7	619.3	628.0	3.4	-5.3
Saskatchewan	555.0	563.4	558.0	-8.4	-3.0
Alberta	2,253.6	2,248.0	2,276.4	5.6	-22.8
British Columbia	2,318.2	2,302.4	2,247.1	15.8	71.1
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.7	7.5	7.2	0.2	0.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	16.0	16.8	13.9	-0.8	2.1
Prince Edward Island	13.6	12.5	12.2	1.1	1.4
Nova Scotia	10.2	9.6	9.9	0.6	0.3
New Brunswick	11.2	10.7	11.6	0.5	-0.4
Quebec	8.3	8.3	8.0	0.0	0.3
Ontario	6.8	6.8	7.0	0.0	-0.2
Manitoba	6.2	6.2	5.5	0.0	0.7
Saskatchewan	6.7	6.1	5.5	0.6	1.2
Alberta	8.5	7.7	5.8	0.8	2.7
British Columbia	7.2	6.9	6.6	0.3	0.6

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	February 2016	January 2016	February 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	18,002.9	18,005.2	17,885.0	-2.3	117.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	231.5	230.4	235.7	1.1	-4.2
Prince Edward Island	71.8	72.4	74.0	-0.6	-2.2
Nova Scotia	444.3	443.5	447.0	0.8	-2.7
New Brunswick	346.0	351.7	352.0	-5.7	-6.0
Quebec	4,109.8	4,106.4	4,093.2	3.4	16.6
Ontario	6,974.7	6,985.9	6,900.6	-11.2	74.1
Manitoba	630.7	628.7	635.0	2.0	-4.3
Saskatchewan	565.5	573.3	566.6	-7.8	-1.1
Alberta	2,277.5	2,276.1	2,298.7	1.4	-21.2
British Columbia	2,351.0	2,336.9	2,282.2	14.1	68.8
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.3	7.2	6.9	0.1	0.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.1	14.4	12.7	-0.3	1.4
Prince Edward Island	11.0	9.5	10.2	1.5	0.8
Nova Scotia	9.1	8.5	9.0	0.6	0.1
New Brunswick	9.9	9.3	10.5	0.6	-0.6
Quebec	7.6	7.6	7.4	0.0	0.2
Ontario	6.8	6.7	6.9	0.1	-0.1
Manitoba	6.0	6.1	5.5	-0.1	0.5
Saskatchewan	5.9	5.6	5.1	0.3	0.8
Alberta	7.9	7.4	5.4	0.5	2.5
British Columbia	6.6	6.6	6.1	0.0	0.5

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	February 2016	January 2016	February 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	7.6	6.7	5.8	0.9	1.8
Halifax	7.0	6.5	6.4	0.5	0.6
Saint John	8.5	7.8	8.8	0.7	-0.3
Quebec	5.3	5.0	5.9	0.3	-0.6
Montreal	8.7	8.3	7.5	0.4	1.2
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.5	6.1	7.0	0.4	-0.5
Toronto	6.8	6.6	7.0	0.2	-0.2
Greater Sudbury	8.3	8.3	6.5	0.0	1.8
Winnipeg	6.1	6.0	6.0	0.1	0.1
Regina	4.9	4.2	4.6	0.7	0.3
Saskatoon	6.7	6.1	5.3	0.6	1.4
Calgary	8.5	7.5	5.0	1.0	3.5
Edmonton	6.8	6.2	4.9	0.6	1.9
Vancouver	6.0	5.4	5.8	0.6	0.2
Victoria	6.0	5.9	4.9	0.1	1.1
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	183.0	185.4	180.1	-2.4	2.9
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	52.2	52.5	53.4	-0.3	-1.2
Saskatoon-Biggar	192.7	196.6	194.4	-3.9	-1.7
Yorkton-Melville	34.8	35.9	39.0	-1.1	-4.2
Prince Albert & Northern	100.3	100.2	95.8	0.1	4.5

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	February 2016	January 2016	February 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	599.4	604.2	590.1	-4.8	9.3
Employed ('000)	564.0	571.8	563.0	-7.8	1.0
Unemployed ('000)	35.4	32.3	27.1	3.1	8.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.9	5.4	4.6	0.5	1.3
Participation Rate (%)	69.3	69.8	68.8	-0.5	0.5
Employment Rate (%)	65.2	66.1	65.6	-0.9	-0.4
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	549.0	554.3	542.6	-5.3	6.4
Employed ('000)	520.0	528.1	519.9	-8.1	0.1
Unemployed ('000)	29.0	26.2	22.7	2.8	6.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	4.7	4.2	0.6	1.1
Participation Rate (%)	69.8	70.5	69.5	-0.7	0.3
Employment Rate (%)	66.1	67.1	66.6	-1.0	-0.5
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	50.4	49.9	47.5	0.5	2.9
Employed ('000)	44.0	43.8	43.1	0.2	0.9
Unemployed ('000)	6.4	6.1	4.5	0.3	1.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	12.7	12.3	9.4	0.4	3.3
Participation Rate (%)	64.1	63.7	62.0	0.4	2.1
Employment Rate (%)	56.0	55.9	56.2	0.1	-0.2
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Labour Force ('000)	19.0	18.4	18.0	0.6	1.0
Employed ('000)	15.2	14.8	15.2	0.4	0.0
Unemployed ('000)	3.8	3.6	2.8	0.2	1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	20.1	19.6	15.6	0.5	4.5
Participation Rate (%)	56.9	55.5	55.8	1.4	1.1
Employment Rate (%)	45.5	44.6	47.1	0.9	-1.6
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Labour Force ('000)	30.8	30.8	29.5	0.0	1.3
Employed ('000)	28.2	28.3	27.8	-0.1	0.4
Unemployed ('000)	2.6	2.5	1.7	0.1	0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.4	8.2	5.6	0.2	2.8
Participation Rate (%)	70.0	70.1	66.9	-0.1	3.1
Employment Rate (%)	64.1	64.4	63.1	-0.3	1.0

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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